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SUBJECT: WILLIAM HAYES CASE

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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO REF A AND HELPFUL ADVICE CONCERNING EFFECT PRESENT GOVERNMENT CRISIS MAY HAVE ON THIS EFFORT. IN RESPECT TO LATTER POINT, REF B SUGGESTS CRISIS MAY BE NEARING END AND THEREFORE HOPEFULLY WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM. IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE PROPOSED FRIENDLY NOTE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PRIME MINISTER AS SOON AS DETAILS ARE COMPLETED HERE IN ORDER THAT HE CAN DETERMINE WHEN PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD BE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS.

2. FOR SEVERAL REASONS WE SEE DIFFICULTIES IN INCLUDING THE THREE ANTAKYA DEFENDANTS IN THE PRESENT EFFORT TO BRING HAYES HOME:

A) THE ARRANGEMENT WE HAVE IN MIND INCLUDES OBTAINING,
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WITH THE HELP OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CRIME AND DELIN-

QUENCY, THE ASSISTANCE OF STATE OR LOCAL PAROLE BOARDS IN

SUPERVISING HAYES' PAROLE. DOING THIS THREE MORE TIMES, AND WHERE WE DO NOT HAVE THE CLOSE COOPERATION OF THE FAMILIES, WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT WITHIN THE PRESENT TIME FRAME.

B) THE MECHANICS OF BRINGING ALL FOUR BACK TO THE U.S. AT ONCE AND GETTING THEM SETTLED IN SUPERVISORY STATUS

WILL BE COMPLICATED, ESPECIALLY WITH OUR PRESENT LACK OF EXPERIENCE.

C) PUBLIC EXPOSURE WILL BECOME ALMOST A CERTAINTY IF THE ANTAKYA THREE ARE INCLUDED NOW. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT GIVEN MORE TIME WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BE MORE CERTAIN OF THEIR COOPERATION IN RESPECT TO PUBLICITY.

D) WE WOULD GREATLY PREFER TO GAIN EXPERIENCE WITH A SINGLE CASE, THEREBY CREATING A STRONG PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE USE OF THIS MECHANISM, RATHER THAN GO THROUGH A PREDICTABLY DISORGANIZED EXERCISE WHICH IS VERY LIKELY TO PRODUCE EMBARRASSMENT ON ALL SIDES.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, CONSIDERATIONS HERE FAVOR A TWO STAGE APPROACH, FIRST ATTEMPTING THE RELEASE AND RETURN OF HAYES, AND SECONDLY USING THAT AS A PRECEDENT TO FOLLOW WITH RESPECT TO THE OTHER THREE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF EMBASSY FINDS THAT GOT WOULD PREFER THAT ALL FOUR BE HANDLED IN ONE PACKAGE, WE ARE PREPARED TO DO OUR BEST. RUSH

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